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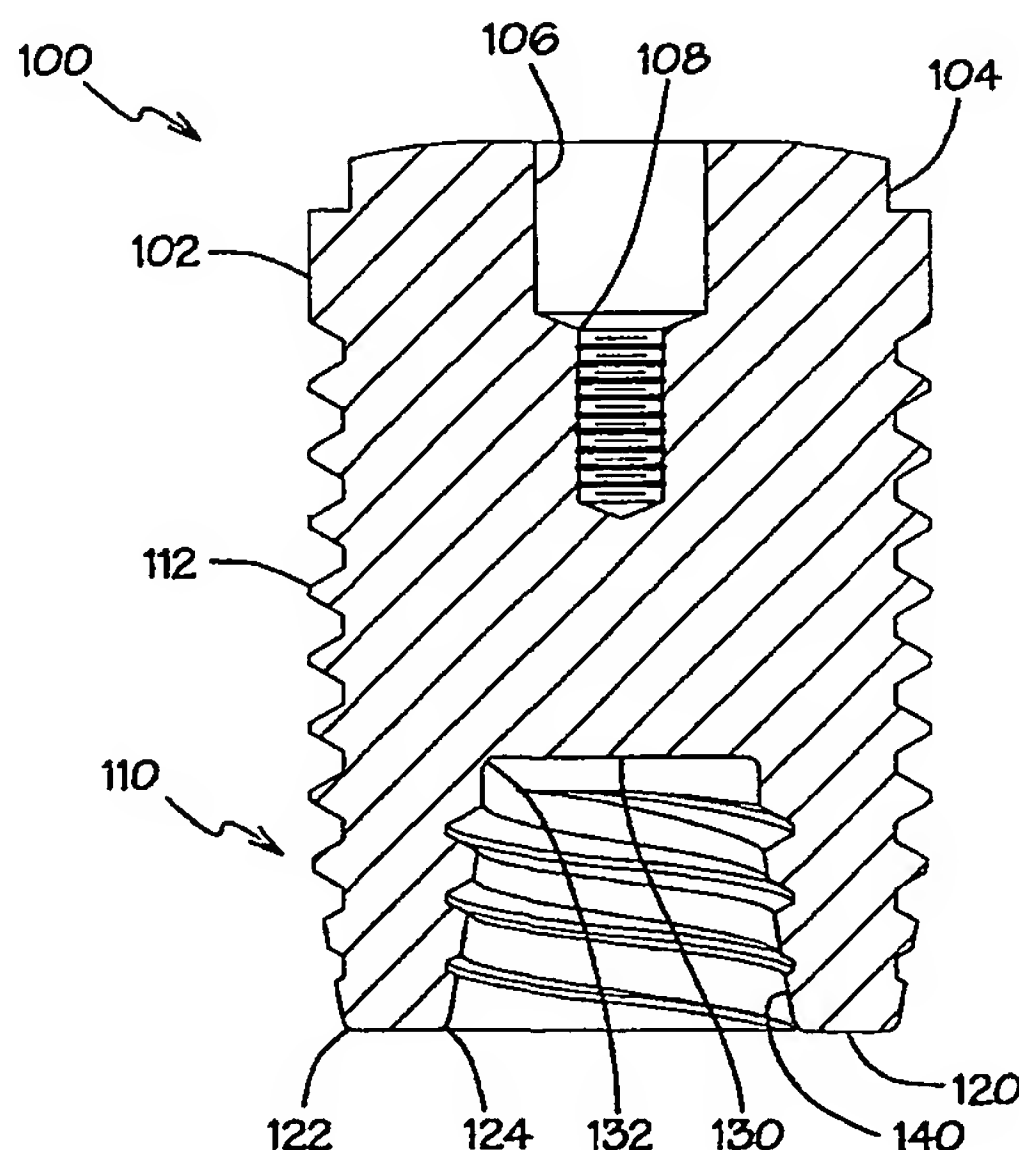
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mal end and a distal end. The distal end may be embedded in bone  
with the proximal end exposed. An abutment surface is disposed  
toward the proximal end. The anchoring element includes four sur-  
faces that define the distal end. A generally cylindrical first surface  
defines an exterior of the anchoring element and includes a first ex-  
ternal thread having a pitch. An annular second surface is disposed  
toward the distal end and joined to the first surface along an outer  
circumference of the second surface. A third surface concentric  
with the first surface is joined to the second surface along an in-  
ner circumference of the second surface. A fourth surface disposed  
between the distal end and the proximal end of the first surface is  
joined to the third surface along an outer circumference of the fourth  
surface.